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Joel Slade *et al.*

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For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING
INTERMEDIATES USEFUL TO PREPARE
CERTAIN ANTIBACTERIAL N-FORMYL
HYDROXYLAMINES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 1 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.